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1 racially biased?

- 2 A. Not necessarily. Data on self-report
- 3 clearly shows that there appears to be some
- 4 race-related bias in self-report rates among
- 5 different populations. Urine testing, I would hold,
- 6 certainly has no evidence of racial bias.
- 7 Controlled dosing studies are really the ideal way
- 8 to do that, but the problem is that they're
- 9 difficult to conduct, very costly and difficult to
- 10 conduct on large populations.
- Q. Just to clarify, Dr. Kadehjian, when you
- say, "Controlled dosing studies are really the ideal
- way to do that," what do you mean?
- A. Ideally you would take a thousand people of
- one race, a thousand people of another race. You
- would dose them with drug, and you would see who
- passes the test, who fails the test. And you would
- 18 ideally understand each individual's metabolic
- capability, so that you weren't making the mistake
- that rapid metabolizers are all passing the test and
- 21 slow metabolizers are all failing the test.
- Ideally you would have all of that information, and then you could make a convincing
- 24 argument that there is some race base for explaining

- 1 They're dosed with drugs. Their hair is collected
 - 2 and tested. That's a summary of how these control
 - 3 dosing studies are done.
 - O. What I'm wondering is if you can identify
 - 5 specifically, by researcher or in some other way,
 - 6 what these studies are.
 - 7 A. There is a study by Scheidweiler.
 - Q. Any idea how that's spelled?
 - 9 A. S-c-h-e-i-d-w-e-i-l-e-r, et al. That was
 - 10 performed at the National Institute on Drug Abuse.
 - 11 There was a study by Ropero-Miller, R-o-p-e-r-o,
 - 12 hyphen, M-i-l-l-e-r. I believe there was a study
 - done by Joseph, spelled as it sounds, et al. One or
 - 14 two more I can't recall off the top of my head.
 - Q. But your understanding is that these
 - studies all show no evidence of a race bias in hair
 - 17 testing?

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- 18 A. That's right.
- 19 Q. When you were on the tour and you
- 20 communicated to somebody from Psychemedics your view
- 21 that hair color bias in hair testing was often
- characterized as race bias, other than indicating
- that they agreed with you, was there any response
- 24 from the persons to whom you were conveying this

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information?

MR. CLARKSON: Objection.

- A. Nothing that I can recall.
- 4 Q. Did anybody say anything like, "You should
- 5 put that in your report"?
- 6 A. No.

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- 7 Q. In response to you communicating that
- 8 information, did anybody say anything about your
- 9 reports?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Did anybody say anything about the opinions
- that you were formulating in connection with this
- 13 case?
- 14 A. I might have said something about my view
- of the literature and what I anticipated I would
- 16 include in my report.
- 17 Q. So if I understand you correctly, during
- 18 the tour phase of that day, you recall that you may
- 19 have provided the folks who were accompanying you on
- the tour with some indication of what you expected
- 21 to put in your report; is that right?
- MR. CLARKSON: Objection.
 - A. Yes. I think I made clear to my scientific
 - colleagues what my scientific opinion was about the

these test results.

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- 2 Q. So if I understand you correctly, and
- 3 correct me if this is wrong, a controlled dosing
- 4 study would be the ideal way to establish a race
- 5 bias in hair testing if it existed?
- 6 A. Yes. That would be one way, and I think
- 7 probably the best way. But as I indicated, very
- 8 difficult to do these studies in a way that had
- 9 sufficient power to truly identify that as the sole
- 10 factor for these discrepant results.
- Q. Would a controlled dosing study also be the
- 12 ideal way to establish that there was no race bias
- 13 in hair testing?
- 14 A. Yes, I would say so.
- 15 Q. And have such controlled dosing studies
- 16 been performed?
- 17 A. Only a handful.
- 18 O. And what do they show?
- 19 A. No evidence of any race or even hair color
- 20 bias.
- Q. What are these control dosage studies that
- 22 you've referred to?
- A. There are four or five in the literature.
- 24 Subjects are brought in to a clinical setting.

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knowledge about what's in those samples?

A. That's my understanding. 2

Q. So when you said that Psychemedics takes 3

human hair that it knows has cocaine in it to

provide to Dr. Manno to be used potentially as a 5

double-blind sample, you meant that Psychemedics has 6

already tested that hair and determined that it has 7

the drug in it; is that correct?

A. That's correct. 9

Q. And so if that test result, the test result 10

that initially identified the presence of, say, 11

cocaine in a hair sample, were flawed, there would 12

be no way of catching that before it got fed back 13

into the system as part of the internal proficiency 14

program; is that right? 15

A. All the proficiency program can do is get 16

the answer that the reference lab says you're 17

supposed to get. It's a reproducibility issue in 18

some way. 19

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Q. Respectfully, Dr. Kadehjian, that wasn't 20

quite my question. 21

MR. HEINING: Could you read back my

question, please. 23

(Next-to-last question read)

O. What does it mean?

A. It means specimens are obtained from a 2

third party and sent through the laboratory. That's 3

independent. 4

Q. So using that definition, is Psychemedics'

internal proficiency program independent? 6

A. Yes, in my view. 7

Q. Because the samples are obtained from Dr.

Manno? 9

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A. Yes. A third party, separate from the 10

laboratory, is sending the specimens, unknown, 11

through the laboratory. 12

Q. Does Psychemedics document the results of

its internal proficiency program in any way, to your 14

15 knowledge?

A. I was told that it does. 16

O. Who told you that? 17

A. I think Paul Matsui, Mike Schaffer, the

final reviewing scientist at the laboratory. 19

O. Who is that person? 20

A. I don't remember her name. 21

Q. Did you undertake to make any 22

independent -- sorry. Let me strike that. 23

Did you look at any of the documentation of

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the proficiency testing that was conducted at the

lab? 2

A. No. 3

O. Did you ask to see any of that 4

documentation? 5

A. No. 6

O. Why not? 7

A. The nature of my visit was not to review 8

all of their records, but rather to have a sense of 9

the operations within the laboratory. 10

Q. Including a sense of the proficiency 11

testing that they were involved in, correct? 12

A. Review of the proficiency results would be 13

a full-day activity. That wasn't the purpose of my 14

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Q. And so your knowledge of the way in which 16

Psychemedics documents its internal proficiency 17

program is based entirely upon representations that 18

were made to you by representatives of Psychemedics; 19

is that right? 20

A. That's correct. 21

O. So you don't have any independent knowledge 22

of how Psychemedics documents its internal 23

proficiency program; is that right?

A. No, that's not correct.

O. Why not? 2

A. Because if an error was made in the first 3

test, it's entirely possible that a different result 4

would show up in the second test when it comes through as a blind. And then when there is the

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third-party review, "Gee, I sent you a cocaine 7

positive. How come you reported it as negative this 8

time?" 9

Q. But there's also a possibility that the 10

error, this hypothetical error, would be repeated; 11

isn't that correct? 12

A. Of course. 13

Q. And this possibility still gives you no 14

concern about the internal proficiency program at 15

Psychemedics? 16

A. No. 17

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Q. Do you consider this to be an independent 18

proficiency program? 19

MR. CLARKSON: Objection.

Q. Let me strike that question. Does the 21 phrase "independent proficiency program" have any 22

meaning to you? 23

A. Yes. 24

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1 A. That's right.

- 2 Q. * After the site visit, did you have any
- 3 conversations with anyone regarding your
- 4 observations, what you saw, what you heard,
- 5 regarding the internal proficiency program at
- 6 Psychemedics?
- 7 A. It's in my report.
- 8 Q. Your report indicates that you had
- 9 conversations with people about that?
- 10 A. Oh.
- Q. Just for the clarity of the record, let me
- 12 read the question back.
- MR. HEINING: Could you read that back,
- 14 please.

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- (* Question read)
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And with whom did you have such
- 18 conversations?
- 19 A. With counsel. I don't believe I remember
- 20 whether it was Mary Jo or Michael or -- but...
- Q. But as you recall, you discussed with
- 22 someone --
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. -- from Morgan, Brown & Joy your

- 1 call; you don't recall?
 - 2 A. I suspect it was a conference call.
 - 3 Q. Do you recall whether anybody from
 - 4 Psychemedics was involved in that conference call?
 - 5 A. I don't recall.
 - 6 Q. Tell me everything that you can remember
 - 7 that was said about the internal proficiency program
 - 8 during that call.
 - 9 A. I believe my findings were that
 - 10 Psychemedics participates in proficiency programs,
 - all that are available, and to its credit has
 - 12 instituted its own blind program. And I think that
 - 13 was what I had to say about the proficiency part of
 - 14 their program.
 - Q. Did you tell counsel your view that,
 - 16 ideally, a proficiency program would run between
 - 5 and 10 percent proficiency samples through the
 - 18 laboratory?
 - 19 A. No.
 - Q. You never communicated that to counsel?
 - 21 A. I'm sure that we never discussed the
 - 22 percent of specimens that one would run through a
 - 23 proficiency program.
 - Q. You never had any discussion of any kind

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- observations regarding the internal proficiency
- 2 program?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 MR. CLARKSON: Wait for the whole question.
- 5 Q. And do you recall how many such
- 6 conversations you had?
- 7 A. I think just one.
- 8 Q. Do you recall when that happened?
- 9 A. I think shortly after the site visit.
- 10 Q. Was it an in-person conversation?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. It was over the telephone?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. And did you call someone from Morgan, Brown
- 15 & Joy to initiate that conversation?
- 16 A. I don't recall whether I called them to
- 17 talk about my inspection or whether we had arranged
- 18 that we'd have a conference call to discuss the
- 19 findings of my visit.
- 20 Q. So the discussion concerning the internal
- 21 proficiency program took place in the context of a
- 22 larger discussion about your visit; is that right?
- 23 A. Exactly, yes.
- 24 Q. And it might have been on a conference

- 1 about that?
- 2 A. I don't recall getting into that level of
- 3 detail.
- 4 Q. Tell me anything else, if there is more,
- 5 tell me anything else you can remember about your
- 6 discussion with counsel on that phone call
- 7 concerning the internal proficiency program at
- 8 Psychemedics.
- 9 A. I can't recall addressing that internal
- 10 proficiency program or any of the proficiency
- 11 programs to any further detail. It was one part of
- 12 my visit.
- 13 Q. What else was discussed on that phone call?
- 14 A. The phone call was basically for me to
- 15 report what my findings were, in general "So you
- 16 visited the lab. What did you think?"
- 17 Q. And what did you think?
 - A. I thought the lab was doing a great job.
- 19 I've documented those comments in my report.
- Q. And did you say to counsel on that phone
- 21 call anything that isn't reflected in your reports?
- 22 A. I don't recall, no.
- Q. What did counsel say to you during that
- 24 phone call regarding your findings, as you put it?

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retained. 1

- 2 Q. And not only were they provided to you, but
- you did review them prior to the laboratory visit, 3
- correct? 4
- 5 A. Yes.
- O. And during the laboratory visit, did you 6
- make any evaluation of whether the SOPs were being 7
- accurately applied in the laboratory setting? 8
- A. Only in general assessment of the overall 9 operation. 10
- Q. What does that mean? 11
- A. That means, as I've indicated, my purpose 12
- for the visit was not to perform an inspection to 13
- make sure that every item in their SOP was being
- 14 religiously followed and documented. The purpose of
- 15
- my visit was for me to have a sense of the overall 16 17 operations in the laboratory.
 - So I did not pull out their SOPs and stand there and check the temperature of every water bath
- and the time of every timer or any of that. So I 20 did not make an assessment of whether the details of 21
- the SOPs were being diligently followed by the 22
- 23 laboratory.

isn't that correct?

Psychemedics laboratory?

That is an inspection.

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A. Yes.

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Q. Now, you've testified that, as part of your 24

Q. And do you view your visit to the

A. Only in a loose sense of that term.

diligently review, and then create a report

assessing all aspects of the lab's performance.

work as a biomedical consultant going back many

years, you have repeatedly inspected laboratories;

Psychemedics laboratory as an inspection of the

Q. And what is the loose sense of that term in

A. When I perform an inspection, I come with

an 80-page checklist, with hundreds of items that I

- that's what I mean by a loose sense of inspection. 1
 - Q. Thank you for that clarification.
 - MR. HEINING: Let's take a very short
- break. I need about five minutes. It looks like 4
- it's two o'clock now. I'll try to be back by five
- 6 after or so.
 - MR. CLARKSON: Let's make it ten.
 - MR. HEINING: Ten is just fine.
- 9 (Recess)

BY MR. HEINING:

- 11 Q. Dr. Kadehjian, I want to ask you some
- questions about your views on hair testing. Is it 12
- your view that no one in the scientific community 13
- has found hair analysis to be racially biased? 14
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 - Q. Is it your view that some in the scientific
- 17 community have found hair analysis to be racially
- 18 biased?
- A. They make that claim, yes. 19
- Q. And this view of yours, that there are 20
- 21 those in the research community who make a claim of
- 22 racial bias in hair testing, how long have you held
- 23 that view?
- 24 A. The view that there are some who have found

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- it to be biased, how long have I held that view?
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- A. Some of the early publications on hair 3
- testing made that claim. So in reporting the 4
- literature, I always acknowledge that there are 5
- those who make that claim. And that was probably 6
- from the mid-'90s, I would say, some of those first 7
- 8 papers came out.
- Q. I'm sorry, did you say mid-'90s? 9
- A. Probably mid-'90s. 10
- Q. Is it your view that this alleged race bias 11
- 12 in the hair test is not the subject of controversy
- in the scientific community? 13
- A. No. That's not my view. 14
- Q. Is it your view that this alleged race bias 15
- in hair analysis is the subject of controversy in 16
- the scientific community? 17
- A. Yes. 18
- 19 Q. For how long have you held that view?
- A. 15 years, back from the mid-'90s to today. 20
- Q. And at no time since the mid-'90s have you 21
- held the view that there is no controversy in the 22
- scientific community with regard to race bias in 23
- 24 hair testing; is that correct?

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- And this visit was never intended to be 16 that, but rather so that I could familiarize myself 17 with the actual operations that go on at 18 Psychemedics. So it's more of a cursory review of
- where are the specimens received, how are they handled, where do they go from here, what does
- screening look like, what does confirmation look 22
- like, what does your recordkeeping look like, that 23
- sort of general overview of the lab operations. So 24

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Page 301 Page 303 1 again. 1 Short of those things -- and maybe I could 2 MR. HEINING: Could you please read it 2 think of one or two more -- a positive result, when 3 back. performed in an accurate and reliable manner, 3 (Ouestion read) 4 4 demonstrates the presence of drugs in that specimen. 5 MR. CLARKSON: Objection. Q. Thank you. And I do recall that testimony. 5 I just wanted to make sure that it applies equally 6 A. I'm not sure it's more accurate to phrase 7 it that way. Even if I have more information, it to hair tests. That's why I'm asking again. still may not be sufficient to impugn the accuracy. 8 A. Yes. The presence of more information doesn't necessarily 9 Q. Is it possible in your view, Dr. Kadehjian, mean that I can now impugn the test result. So it's 10 10 that one could take two samples from the same head 11 not necessarily more accurate. 11 of hair, the same person's head of hair, run the Q. Okay. But the statement as it appears in 12 same analysis, the same hair analysis, follow the 12 your report is that "Independent negative hair test 13 13 same procedures on each sample, and get two 14 results do not impugn the accuracy of Psychemedics' different results, one positive and one negative? 14 15 positive test results," which is difference from 15 A. Yes. 16 saying that independent negative hair test results 16 Q. Dr. Kadehjian, I want to focus your may not impugn the accuracy of Psychemedics' 17 17 attention on the bottom of Page 7 of this report. positive test results; isn't that correct? 18 There's a sentence that begins on this page and 18 A. Those are different statements, but I stand continues onto the next. I would ask you to just 19 19 by the one I made. 20 20 take a moment and review that short paragraph and 21 Q. And what entitles you to make that 21 let me know when you're ready to answer the question statement, given that you've stated already that you 22 about it. 22 don't know what specific test results were 23 23 MR. CLARKSON: The bottom of 7? indicated? 24 24 MR. HEINING: Yes, the paragraph that

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MR. CLARKSON: Objection. 1

A. As I've indicated, only under the most 2

- 3 bizarre circumstances -- and none of those
- circumstances have been presented to me in this 4
- case. I do know about some negative hair tests, and 5
- those negative hair tests do not impugn the positive 6
- 7 results. And I provided the bases for that.
- Q. Dr. Kadehjian, I want to return to some 8
- testimony you were giving a few moments ago. I 9
- believe you said that a laboratory report of 10
- negative does not necessarily mean that there is no 11
- drug in the specimen; is that correct? 12
- A. That is correct. 13
- Q. I want to ask a related question, which is 14
- 15 whether, in your view, a laboratory hair test result
- that is positive -- this is different from the 16
- question I asked earlier, focusing on a hair test 17
- 18 result now -- that is positive necessarily means
- that drug is present in the hair sample. 19
- A. And I did address that issue in part when I 20
- 21 said that there are ways that a laboratory can
- report a positive result but that report is 22
- incorrect: clerical errors, subterfuge, innocent 23
- contamination within the laboratory.

begins on 7 and goes over onto 8. 1

- 2 A. (Reviewing document) Yes, I've read that.
- Q. Thank you. So my question is in particular 3
- about the sentence that begins, "But laboratory 4
- reproducibility assessments at Psychemedics," and 5
- 6 then continues, "with both internal QC assessments
- as well as with proficiency test specimens, have 7
- demonstrated excellent reproducibility with low 8
- 9 coefficients of variation."
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My question first off is, what is the basis

for that statement?

A. As part of the National Lab Certification 12

Program pilot on hair testing, labs were provided 13

14 specimens that they were supposed to test in

duplicate or in triplicate, and the laboratories'

reproducibility was assessed in that way.

Also, the laboratory produces its own 17 18 internal reproducibility results. So we have data that demonstrates what the reproducibility is, what 19 the coefficient of variation is when specimens are 20

21 tested repeatedly.

- Q. And then going on to the following 22
- 23 sentence, "Accordingly, such analytical variability
- would be expected to have only a small impact on

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